

Overview of the SFWMD

The South Florida Water Management District is a public entity – one of five Water Management Districts in the State of Florida – that manages and protects the water resources of the region. The District is led by a nine-member Board of Governors, the members of which are appointed by the Governor of Florida and confirmed by the state Senate.

The District manages the region's water resources by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply.

The District is working to restore and manage ecosystems and protect water quality – from central Florida's Kissimmee River to Lake Okeechobee, and from coast to coast within Florida, spanning the peninsula from Fort Myers to Fort Pierce, south through the sprawling Everglades to Florida Bay.

The District is also working to improve and plan for long-term water supply and flood control needs through a number of District programs. One of the most important such programs is the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project – the largest public-works project ever conceived and one of the most complex environmental initiatives ever designed.